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Forest Panchayats

Removal of some of the members of the Erragondapalem Forest Panchayat.

*1565 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state, in reference to the answers given to question No. 924 on 29th November 1928—

(*a*) whether the report called for has been received; and

(*b*) if it has been received, what it is?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A copy of the report [a] is attached.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know if the panchayat of which Mr. A. Venkata Narasimham Pantulu was president was elected?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Notice, Sir."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know if the Deputy Tahsildar gets the elections made for forest panchayats?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"If there is an election to be held, I presume he will make the arrangements for the election. I don't quite follow the question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether the orders of the Deputy Tahsildar of Forest Panchayats that are said to have been disobeyed by the president of the panchayat were made in writing?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am sorry I must ask for notice of that. All the information we have is contained in that letter, and we have no other information."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Arising out of that letter, may I know whether the Forest Panchayat Deputy Tahsildar was present at the meetings of the panchayats, where one of the watchers was removed and one was kept on and where also the question of compounding the offence mentioned in charge number one was discussed and settled?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Notice, Sir."

Inams

Resumption of Doratanam inam villages in Parlakimedi taluk.

*1566 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are resuming the Doratanam inam villages within the Parlakimedi taluk of Ganjam district;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the fact that the occupancy rights of the ryots in these Doratanam inam villages have been in existence from time immemorial and that the ryots have established these rights in suits between the Doras and the ryots in law courts;

(*c*) whether they will lay on the Council table all correspondence on the subject or at least the Government Orders passed from time to time on the subject; and

(*d*) whether they will hear the objections and representation of the ryots before finally deciding the question of the grant of patta?

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 348-350 infra.

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) Copies of the orders [a] passed by the Government on the subject from time to time are attached.

(*b*) The Government are not aware whether or no the facts are as stated.

(*d*) The resumption of the inams will not affect the established rights of the ryots. Any representations made by the ryots to the proper authorities will of course be considered.

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to clause (*c*), I want the correspondence and not the Government Order. So will the Government be pleased to place the correspondence that passed between them and the Collector and the Board of Revenue on the Council table ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I shall examine that suggestion, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMID KHAN :—" In answer to clause (*d*) it is stated that the resumption will not affect the ryots. Will it not affect the Doras themselves ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Not in so far as they have occupancy rights, Sir."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" With reference to clause (*b*), are the Government not aware of the fact that the kudivaram of the ryots has been established in courts of law, and will they be pleased to enquire before they issue final pattas in the name of the Zamindar of Parlakimedi ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The issue of pattas and the fixing of assessment will entail an examination of that question."

Irrigation

Progress of Girisola canal works and Tampara repairs.

*1567 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how far the execution of works regarding
(i) the Girisola canal in Goomsur taluk, and
(ii) Tampara repairs (near Bippalingy) in Chatrapur taluk in Ganjam district has progressed ;

(*b*) whether the execution of these two works will be completed in 1929–30 ; and

(*c*) the reason why no work has been turned out yet in the Girisola channel and what is the allotment for the same for 1928–29 ?

A.—(*a*) (i) & (*c*) A great deal of office work has to be done before the scheme can be started. Many of the designs have to be revised with reference to the present conditions, and working plans of masonry works have to be drawn. The regular staff has been unable to cope with the work as field work is still necessary. The original appropriation for the work was Rs. 20,000 of which Rs. 15,000 has already been resumed and, out of the balance of Rs. 5,000, the Superintending Engineer has

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 350–351 infra.